

Amendments to the specification:

On page 11, please delete the heading and first two paragraphs (lines 1-11) as shown below.

Short description of the drawings

~~[0001] Fig. 1 represents the influence of polymer's concentration on diclofenac sodium release when HPMC (Hypromellose), grades 4000 and 100, is used as a retardant material in the first region. The influence of lactose or dibasic calcium phosphate as a diluent is also shown.~~

~~[0002] Fig. 2 represents an example of diclofenac release from bi-layered tablets, core tablets and mini-tablets formulations containing 75 mg diclofenac sodium and 200 µg misoprostol. The release of Voltaren retard 75 is shown for comparison.~~

On page 19, please amend lines 10-15 as show below.

The influence on the diclofenac sodium extended release of the concentration and grades of the Hypromellose 4000 mPa.s ~~is shown in Figure 1 as is was noted, as was~~ the use of dibasic calcium phosphate. The influence of the addition of 10% Hypromellose 100, 10% lactose or of 10% Dibasic Calcium phosphate ~~is also shown~~ was also noted.

On page 20, please amend lines 9-10 as show below.

[0003] Diclofenac sodium extended release ~~is shown~~ was shown and compared to a marketed product ~~in figure 2~~.

On page 24, please amend lines 12-13 as shown below.

[0004] Diclofenac sodium extended release ~~is shown~~ was shown and compared to a marketed product ~~in figure 2~~.